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Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have any proposal to close down/privatise the "Structural Engineering Research Centre (SERC)" under the CSIR;

(b) if so, the details thereof ;

(c) the budget allocated to SERC during 2002-2003;

(d) whether any direction has been given to SERC to try to raise more funding from private agencies through its research workand studies;

(e) if so, the earnings of SERC from various sources; and

(f) the details of plan to make the SERC more self-sustaining during 2003-2004 ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (BACHI SINGH RAWAT)

(a) : No. Sir.

(b) : Does not arise.

(c) : CSIR has allocated to SERC Rs. 10.35 crore during 2002-03.

(d),(e)&(f) : No directions have been given specifically to SERC by CSIR for raising their funding from private agencies for research work and studies for the year 2003-04. During the year 2002-03 , SERC's External Cash Flow was Rs. 19.93 crore.